

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, 63 Oatlands Avenue	Mr. and Mrs. Archer, 71 Oatlands Avenue,
Mr. and Mrs. Lynes, 26 Otter Close	from 39 Otter Close
Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, 83 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Wright, 21 Partridge Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Marrofield, 28 Otter Close	Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, 71 Foxhollow, from
Mr. and Mrs. Holgate, 17 Partridge Drive	3 Gladeside
Mr. and Mrs. Bird, 73 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Hegarty, 20 Partridge Drive
Dr. and Mrs. Lax, 62 Oatlands Avenue	Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 1 Otter Gardens
Mr. and Mrs. Price, 82 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Brunning, 29 Otter Close.
Mr. and Mrs. Townend, 81 Foxhollow	

(The Editor, John Wills, C.H. 551, would be pleased to hear of new residents moving into re-sold houses, whose names might not otherwise be included in these lists.)

Bar Hill I.W.C.

As the children will be on holiday, the Clinic this month will be held from 2.30 to 4.0 p.m. on Thursday, 6th April in the School hall. The Doctor and Health Visitor will be in attendance and there will be a wide range of foods for sale.

Bar Hill W.I.

Our A.G.M. will be held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday, 6th April in the School. This will be followed by a Wine and Cheese Party at a cost of 15p each. Any newcomers to Bar Hill will be very welcome to attend this meeting.

Bar Hill Parent Teacher Association

Miss J. Beynon, Assistant Domestic Subjects Organiser, a member of the Country Centre Staff, will be coming to the School on Tuesday, 25th April at 8.00 p.m. to show us a film and talk about embroidery.

There will be a notice sent out nearer the date as a reminder.

Anyone for Badminton?

Bar Hill Badminton Club is now open for new members. The court is in the School hall and the nights, Wednesday and Thursday at 19.00 hrs. If interested please contact: T. J. Whitford, 24 Otter Close (Crafts Hill 397); or R. Muir, 2 Otter Close (C.H. 394).

Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

The Playgroup register is full for the coming Summer term, but there are a few vacancies for the Autumn term commencing in September. We take pre-school children from the age of 3. Please contact Janet Hook, 23 Almond Grove (Crafts Hill 352), if you wish to place your child's name on our waiting list.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to sell unwanted toy cars. Please contact Janet Hook, as above.

Ladies' Keep Fit

Our new term commences on Monday, 24th April at 7.30 p.m. in the School hall. We will be pleased to welcome old and new members, so do come along.

Singing for Pleasure

A reminder that the practices for the Music Festival will be on the 6th and 13th of April at 8.00 p.m. in the School. The Group will be singing two unaccompanied pieces in the Festival on Saturday, 15th April - anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

For the benefit of new Villagers who may not have heard of us: the Singing for Pleasure Group meet on Thursday evenings (except the first Thursday in the month, unless a practice is needed for a special occasion) in the School at 8 p.m. to sing all kinds of music. At Christmas and Easter we join people from Dry Drayton and other villages to sing carols and Easter music, and the rest of the year we sing anything from Pop and Folk Music to Handel and Mendelssohn. Dr. Peck tries to keep us in order, and our aim is to sing all types of music well. (contd. overleaf)

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Singing for Pleasure, contd. Anyone who enjoys singing (and you don't have to have a good voice to enjoy singing) or who would like to accompany the Group on the piano, guitar, etc., please come along - or if you would like more information, contact Pat Muir, 2 Otter Close, Crafts Hill 394.

Cub Scouts

A Cub Scout Pack will be formed in Bar Hill shortly. The starting age is 8 years old, but we would like a list of boys who would like to join, including those who are not yet old enough, so that we can plan for future requirements. Please send names, addresses and dates of birth to: Mr. D. A. Wilkins, 6 Almond Grove (C.H.301).

Scouts

It is not practical at the moment to form a Scout Troop, but boys over $10\frac{1}{2}$ who are interested would be welcome at nearby Troops, subject to a place being available. The two nearest Troops are: Longstanton (56th Cambridge) - contact T. Barnes, 24 Gladeside (C.H. 221); and 1st Oakington - contact D. A. Wilkins, 6 Almond Grove (Crafts Hill 301).

BaHDS

Name: Constance Claythorne

Occupation: Prime Minister

Problem: How to rule a nation accidentally deprived of its male population?

Answer: Hilariously simple -

"NO TIME FOR FIG LEAVES" by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King, To be presented by the BaHDS in the School hall on the New Stage!! (we hope) at 8 p.m. on 2nd and 3rd June. Admission by programme - watch for further details. Support your friendly, neighbourhood drama society.

P. Headland

Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March

Bar Hill Representative on Rural District Council. Bar Hill will continue to be represented at the RDC by Mr. Hawkes of Dry Drayton until re-organisation brings the new District Councils into being when the Village could well be represented.

Street names. No alternative suggestions were received by the Council. Certain amendments and deletions to the Approved List were made and the Clerk was asked to inform the RDC and the Developers of these suggested changes.

Village Green. The Developers have agreed to the ploughing of the area in advance of the conveyance of the land. The conveyance was being held up awaiting the new Village plan asked for by the County Planning Department which was considering raising the population limit to 5000.

Planning Application by Little Chef to alter the Car Park and Cafe at Lolworth Service Station was agreed to.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the School at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th April. These meetings are open, all residents are welcome, and there is an opportunity to question the Council at the end of the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting. 36 residents sat through a long agenda and a longer meeting on Wednesday last. A full report will appear in the next Newsletter.

Bar Hill Youth Club

Since the last Newsletter the financial situation has made it impossible to continue with the Shop Project.

We have asked for the use of the Church Centre for a one night per week club for the Third Year and upwards, and hope we can start as soon as the building is ready. In the meantime it is hoped that the Football group (boys from Second Year and up) will continue to use the Gym at Swavesey Village College. A group of those aged 14 and over have started to meet for coffee and records every second Tuesday at 19 Acorn Avenue. All aged 14+ very welcome (8 - 10 p.m.)

We are calling a meeting of all girls aged 12 and over for Tuesday, 11th April at 11 a.m. at 19 Acorn Avenue. This is to give this group an opportunity to discuss what they would like to see happening in the period April-July.

GIRLS - PLEASE TRY TO COME. THINGS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR YOU. IT IS UP TO YOU TO INITIATE ACTION.

A reminder: Swavesey Village College Youth Centre is open five nights per week from 7.30 to 10 p.m. for all in Third Year at school and over. Buses run from the Village. Further enquiries to the Youth Tutor - Swavesey 973.

Any queries about above groups to: K. McIlhagga, Bar Hill Club Leader (C.H.331)

Newsletter Delivery

As the Village expands, the band of faithful deliverers of this Newsletter are being called on to make efforts beyond those originally envisaged. We are very grateful to them, as ever, and would welcome further regular assistance, particularly for Phase 3 and Phase 6 as they are developed.

Please contact the Editor, John Wills, 45 Corn Avenue, Crafts Hill 551.

Bus Services

The Whippet Bus Company has an application before the Traffic Commissioners to bring buses to and from Cambridge into the Village four times a day, as part of a route from Cambridge to St. Ives.

In view of the refusal of Eastern Counties to run a daily service of this nature into the Village, this application is being strongly supported by the Parish Council and the Residents Association.

Secondary Education

A forum to discuss the question "Secondary education: where should the line be drawn?" will be held in the School by the Bar Hill Labour Club on Monday, 17th April at 8 p.m. Local experts, acting as opposing advocates, will examine and cross-examine invited "witnesses" on selection, comprehensive education, streaming, etc. This will be of interest to all parents in the Village; it is intended as a means of examining the issues and of informing the audience of options, in a matter of vital concern for their children's future.

All are very welcome to attend.

Neighbourhood Council/Community Association

The working party set up jointly by the Parish Council and the Residents Association to consider the need for such a body has analysed the problem and is presenting its recommendations to a public meeting at the School on Tuesday, 2nd May at 8 p.m.

It is hoped that representatives of all bodies in, and concerned with, the Village will be personally invited, but all residents are very welcome to attend.

Bar Hill Residents Association

From the Secretary's Notepad

Park path. The path across the Park connecting with the industrial development has now been started: better late than never!

Village Fete and Leisure Fair. At a meeting with interested parties representing Village organisations it was suggested that this event be staged on either Bank Holiday Monday, 28th August; or on Saturday, 2nd September. The horticultural Society will be holding their Flower Show, and other suggested items were: a "dough-in" by the Playgroup, Driving tests by the Motoring Club, an evening Disco-Dance by the Residents Association; and also Fancy Dress Competition, Children's Sports, Novelty Races and 5-a-side Football. Each Village organisation would be invited to take part, but be allowed to "do its own thing" and keep the profits, if any. The events will be co-ordinated by a special committee, who will also arrange for general essential services such as advertising, car parking, etc. The Chairman is Richard Dupont, 19 Otter Close. So, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let him know. More details will be given later.

Hanover Housing. On 7th March the Residents Association arranged a meeting with Mr. Keith Lomax, Management Officer of the Hanover Housing Association, who in his talk gave us the following details:

Eligibility. With rare exceptions, applications are considered from people who have reached retirement age, are not in full time employment, and are able to lead fully independent lives. An elderly parent living alone can sometimes be moved nearer to younger members of the family, or an owner-occupier whose home becomes too great a burden but who is not eligible for re-housing by a local council; preference is usually given to local residents, or to those with local connections.

Kind of housing. Most of the Hanover "schemes" comprise groups of 20-30 flats and/or bungalows, each completely self-contained with living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, and equipped with a modern heating system.

Services. A resident warden is present (often husband and wife are jointly appointed), to deal with administrative problems and organise help in an emergency; they do not undertake nursing or domestic work, but can advise on obtaining such help; there is an alarm system for use in real emergencies.

Dining facilities. None. Rents. Average range: £15 - 26 per calendar month. Tenants are responsible for their own rates (usually + £1 per week) and for electricity and gas. When circumstances justify it, the Dept. of Health and Social Security will grant rent allowances or supplementary pensions: full details from the Dept. (address available from GPO).

BHRA: Secretary's Notepad, contd.

Residents who would like further information are asked to write direct to Mr. Lomax, Hanover House, 168D High Street, Egham, Surrey. Nothing is gained by being first in the queue, since each case is decided on merit; but completion is due on our 28 units in late summer, so don't leave it too late.

Aerials. No news yet: we are waiting for details of the decision by the Developers at a recent board meeting.

Purchase of Leases: a Residents Association Enquiry

Enquiries have been made concerning the suggestion that the Developers, because of their intention to set up the Village Trust, were trying to prevent residents being able to buy the freehold of their property.

It was discovered that there was no truth in the rumour, but an investigation of the allegation showed how the misunderstanding came about. Under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967, Section 19 provides a means whereby, for the general benefit of an estate, unified estate management could be continued after the freeholds of houses were acquired under the Act. An estate management scheme needs the approval of the High Court before it becomes law. Such a scheme has already been submitted to the Court by Bar Hill Developments Ltd. If the Management scheme submitted to the High Court is approved, any purchase of the freehold of a property in the Village will be subject to the terms of the scheme. This may provide for:

- a) the carrying out of work to maintain or improve the appearance of the estate
 - b) the imposition of restrictions on things that may be done to premises in the estate
 - c) the freeholders to make contributions to the management authority's costs.
- The Residents Association are at present investigating how they can best make representations to the High Court to ensure that the residents of Bar Hill are sufficiently consulted and adequately represented on the Village Trust when it is eventually set up.

Trees. All trees in the Village are protected by a Preservation Order, and we have recently learned that some horse chestnuts in the Drift have been cut down; we have advised the County Trees and Woodlands Dept., who will take the necessary action. The two elm trees in Acorn Avenue are inspected regularly by the Dept., and at present show no sign of contamination by the recent outbreak of Dutch Elm disease.

Bar Hill "Bug". We have heard rumours of an "unidentified bug" resident in the Village which is causing concern to local doctors; we have written to the Medical Officer for Health for further information.

The Bar Hill Residents Association

A number of newcomers have recently asked how they can join the Residents Association and what its objects are. We are happy to oblige with the following details:

- Objects
- a) to promote the interests of Bar Hill Village
 - b) to act when necessary as an intermediary between the residents and other bodies
 - c) to raise funds for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Village
 - d) to keep residents informed of matters of interest to them in and around the Village.

Membership

This is open to each resident householder and all members of the family at 50p per annum. Old Age Pensioners are eligible for free membership. Application forms are available from the Information Centre, or from the Treasurer: Syd Pugh, 38 Partridge Drive.

Committee

We may have a total Committee membership of 14, and at this time we would particularly welcome nominations for co-opted Additional Committee members (under rule 6b), especially from the new phases, Foxhollow, Otlands Avenue, Partridge Drive, etc. If you would like to nominate yourself or a neighbour, please advise the Secretary, Kevin Read-Jones, 20 Otter Close (Crafts Hill 384).

K. R.-J.

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